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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) [[An]] A process for producing an oil-in-water type emulsion for light-exposing food comprising: fat and nonfat milk-solids,

mixing ingredients comprising fat, nonfat milk solids, emulsifier and water into a mixture,

pre-emulsifying the mixture,

pasteurizing or sterilizing the mixture, and

homogenizing the mixture,

wherein the fat consists of non-milk fat, or non-milk fat and milk fat; the non-milk fat has such a constituent fatty acid composition that the total amount of lauric acid and palmitic acid is not less than 40%, the total amount of oleic acid, linoleic acid and linolenic acid is not more than 50%, and the total amount of linoleic acid and linolenic acid is not more than 5%; the ratio of milk fat/total fat is not more than 0.95; the content of nonfat milk solids is 1 to 14% by weight; [[and]] the amount of the fat ingredient is 15 to 48% by weight; and the emulsifier is free from an unsaturated fatty acid.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The oil in-water type emulsion process according to claim 1, wherein the oil in water type emulsion further comprises comprising adding at least one ingredient selected from tocopherol and rutin to the oil-in-water type emulsion before undergoing photodegradation.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The oil-in-water type emulsion process according to claim 1, which is for wherein the oil-in-water type emulsion has photodegradation-resistance.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The oil-in-water type emulsion process according to claim 1, wherein the oil-in-water type emulsion is whippable.

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5. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing photodegradation of an oil-in-water type emulsion comprising fat, nonfat milk solids, [[and]] water, and emulsifier, comprising:

preparing an oil-in-water type emulsion comprising fat, nonfat milk solids, water and an emulsifier, wherein the fat is a non-milk fat, or non-milk fat and milk fat; the non-milk fat has such a constituent fatty acid composition that the total amount of lauric acid and palmitic acid is not less than 40%, the total amount of oleic acid, linoleic acid and linolenic acid is not more than 50% and the total amount of linoleic acid and linolenic acid is not more than 5%; the ratio of milk fat/total fat is not more than 0.95; the content of nonfat milk solids is 1 to 14% by weight; [[and]] the amount of the fat ingredient is 15 to 48% by weight; the emulsifier is free from an unsaturated fatty acid; and excluding preventing photodegradation with packaging.

- 6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the oil-in-water type emulsion further comprises at least one ingredient selected from tocopherol and rutin.
- 7. (Currently Amended) [[An]] A process for producing an oil-in-water type emulsion for light-exposing food comprising: fat and nonfat milk solids,

mixing ingredients comprising fat, nonfat milk solids, emulsifier and water into a mixture,

pre-emulsifying the mixture,

pasteurizing or sterilizing the mixture, and

homogenizing the mixture,

wherein the fat consists of non-milk fat and the emulsion is a nonfat milk solid-containing oil-in-water type emulsion comprising 1 to 12% by weight of fat and 3 to 26% by weight of nonfat milk solids; the ratio of the nonfat milk solids to the fat ingredient in the oil-in-water type emulsion is not less than 1 relative to 1 of the fat ingredient; [[and]] the non-milk fat has such a constituent fatty acid composition that the total amount of lauric acid and palmitic acid is not less than 40%, the total amount of oleic acid, linoleic acid and linolenic acid is not more than 50% and the total amount of linoleic acid and linolenic acid is not more than 5%; and the emulsifier is free from an unsaturated fatty acid.

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8. (Currently Amended) The oil-in-water type emulsion process according to claim 7, wherein the nonfat milk solid containing further comprising adding tocopherol to the oil-in-water type emulsion further comprises tocopherol before undergoing photodegradation.

- 9. (Currently Amended) The oil-in-water type emulsion process according to claim 7, which wherein the oil-in-water type emulsion is an emulsion for blending use.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The oil-in-water type-emulsion process according to claim 7, which wherein the oil-in-water type emulsion is an emulsion for blending into pudding, bavarois or jelly.